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Minutes of the meeting of the Executive Committee of the Swatantra Party, Maharashtra, held on Saturday the 19th January 1974.

A meeting of the Executive Committee of the Swatantra Party, Maharashtra was held on Saturday, the 19th January 1974 at 3-00 p.m. at the Party Office, Sassoon Building, 143 Mahatma Gandhi Road, Bombay 1. The following were present.

1. Mr. Madhu Mehta.
 2. Mr. F. C. Cama
 3. Mr. Girish Munshi
 4. Mr. Babubhai Ginwala
 5. Mr. Dhiraj Shah
 6. Mr. A.J. Pimenta
 7. Mr. Shaffi Pirzada
 8. Mr. K. B. Pandev
 9. Mrs. Sarla Datar
 10. Mr. H.G. Vaishnav
 11. Mr. Pramod Tejookaya
 12. Mr. Abdulla Sheriff
 13. Mr. Gulam Vohra
 14. Mr. Motilal Sharma
 15. Mr. Shaikh Ahmed
 16. Mr. K.H. Subramnaiam
 17. Mr. S. Ramachandran
 18. Mr. Shantilal Popat
 19. Mr. L. R. Sampat
 20. Mr. Indukumar Thakkar
 21. Mr. Hiren Shah
- (Invitees.)

Minutes of the meeting held on 12th December 1973 were read and confirmed.

Arising out of the minutes, the members wanted the minutes to be circulated earlier so that they would know the subjects discussed at the meeting and could follow up actions to be taken. After discussion, it was decided that instead of circulating the complete minutes, summary of points discussed should be sent to each member, both in English and Marathi.

2. The General Secretary acquainted the members with the various steps proposed for increasing the membership. One immediate step was to find out from the Registers, names of old members who did not renew their memberships for some reason or the other and approach them with a view to getting them back to the Party. Another step was to go through the Electoral Roll of different Assembly Constituencies and establish contacts with individuals who might be able to help us in enrolment of new members.

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1. Santaraj
2. Vile Parle
3. Another
4. H. K. Singh
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✓ 3. Regarding the recent bye-election in the Bombay Central Parliamentary constituency, the General Secretary briefed the members with efforts made by our Party to defeat the Congress candidate. He made a reference to the spectacular work done by Matunga, Mahim and Mazagon units. Letters of thanks both in English and in Hindi were released to various individuals who actively participated in the campaign.

Two Candidates
faced . 4. Regarding the Zilla Parishad elections in Osmanabad District, the General Secretary informed the members that Dr. Bhosle had been requested to go into details. Mr. Shaikh Ahmed said that two candidates were contesting the elections from Osmanabad, which would be held on 28th January 1974.

Postponed 5. The workers' camp planned in the second week of February in Bombay was postponed in view of the general elections in UP and Orissa scheduled to be held in the second week of February.

6. The Treasurer explained that the financial position of the Party was very unsatisfactory and that it was essential that some immediate steps should be taken to collect funds. Collection of donations, say, Rs. 100/- each from well-wishers and/or supporters of the Party, procuring advertisements for WHITE STAR from which a sizeable portion could be diverted to the Party etc. were discussed. In response to Mr. Ginwala's suggestion that each committee member should contribute a minimum of Rs. 10/- for the Party, thirteen members paid Rs. 10/- each at the meeting and the Office Secretary was advised to credit this amount of Rs. 130/- in the Bank.

✓ 7. The General Secretary informed the members that Flag Hoisting ceremony would be held at the Party office on 26th January 1974 at 8.30 a.m. Besides this, he requested the unit members that similar functions should be held at all primary units. (Matunga, Mazagon, Mahim, Bandra and Kurla units held the Flag Hoisting).

Mr. Panda
to Reps 8. Acute food shortage in Osmanabad district was brought to the attention of the meeting by the representatives from Osmanabad, Mr. Motilal Sharma and Mr. Shaikh Ahmed. They produced samples of a grain known as 'Barbada' which is being purchased by the people, but which is reportedly unfit for human consumption. It was discussed that this material

should be displayed at different central places in Bombay to show to the public the kind of food grains available in the districts. For considering plans to organise a demonstration, a special meeting was convened on 20th January 1974 at 5.00 p.m. at the Party office in which it was decided that two small bags of 'barbada' be immediately brought to Bombay within a week's time and suitable demonstrations would be carried out immediately thereafter.

With a vote of thanks to the Chair, the meeting terminated at 5.30 p.m.

Shankar Nuth
Chairman